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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/585,892; 371(c) Date: July 11, 2006

The Use of Quaternary Pyridinium Salts as Vasoprotective Agents

Inventors: GEBICKI et al. Our Ref: 2782.0010001/MAC

Dear Madam Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Second Restriction Requirement;
- 2. Third Preliminary Amendment;
- 3. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; and
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing four (4) documents (US1-US4).

The above-listed documents are being filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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